

WYCOMBE

PASS UP

DREAM

CHANCES

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Wycombe 0 Bournemouth 0

BOURNEMOUTH MANAGER Trevor Hartley admitted he was "a bit relieved" to leave Wycombe Wanderers' sloping pitch still in the Cup.

Wycombe, the Isthmian League amateurs, were disappointed because they should have got into the third round at the first attempt.

They did not have the finishing power to match their enthusiasm and considerable ability, and fluffed two dream chances in the couple of minutes before half time.

Overlapping right back Paul Birdseye sent in a powerful shot just a trifle too high and Bournemouth's busy goalkeeper, Kevin Charlton, was able to knock it over the bar.

Then Wycombe's rangy right winger, Steve Perrin, headed over an open goal.

Pulsating

Wanderers still had more of the play in this sporting tie.

Schoolmaster Perrin showed a clean pair of heels to the Football League team and put in a pulsating run down the left flank which was only checked by last-ditch defensive work from Clive Payne and Keith Miller, who had to concede a corner.

Bournemouth, thanks to the inspiration of 20-year-old goalkeeper Charlton improved in the end, and almost poached the third-round ticket in the last couple of minutes.

Fortunately Soccer justice—Wycombe goalkeeper John Maskell brought off a double save from Howard Goddard and Les Parodi.

Wycombe winger Tony Horseman complained afterwards that he should have had a second-half penalty when he was tripped.

Wycombe should not restart at Bournemouth on Wednesday night lamenting the penalty that got away. "We can still win down there," was the confident last word from Wanderers manager Brian Lee.

WYCOMBE.—Maskell; Birdseye, Hand, Mead, Phillips, Reardon, Perrin, Kennedy, Searle, Holifield, Horseman. Sub: Bullock.

BOURNEMOUTH.—Charlton; Payne, Miller, Howard, Delaney, Hague, Wingate, Welsh, Goddard, Greenhalgh, Parodi. Sub: Merrick.